Construction of community halls in South Central Railway

827. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct community halls in Andhra Pradesh area of South Central Railway ; and

(b) if so, what are the detials thereof and the amount earmarked for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to provide a Community Hall at Kazipet at an estimated cost of Rs. 5·00 lakhs is under considertation.

Vayudoot services in Orissa

828. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to bring some more towns in Orissa under Vayudoot map in 1989-90 ; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the towns which have been indentified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastucture and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Gopalpur and Jharsuguda in the State of Orissa during the current plan period.

Amritsar-Hatia Express

829. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of 801-802 Amritsar-Hatia Express is very unsatisfactory, there is no cleanliness in the compartments, there is no water in the lavatories and catering service is also very poor;

(b) whether Government are aware that second class 3-Tier reserved coaches are occupied by unauthorised persons, causing inconvenience to the genuine passengers and the T.T.Es allow unauthorised passengers to travel and collect illegal amounts from them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that between Chopan and Muri Stations children from outside often throw stones on the passengers with the result that the passengers are hurt and the windowpanes are broken ; and

(d) if so, what action Government purpose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. However every effort is being made to improve the service.

(b) Some such cases have been reported.

(c) No incident of throwing of stones by children from outside train causing injury to passengers has been reported to the Railways.

(d) Does not arise.

Failure of Suburban EMU rail in Bombay

830. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 12-Car Suburban EMU rail experiment in Bombay has failed ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. The 12-Car experimental EMU trains are still running in Bombay.

(b) Does not arise.

रेलगाड़ियों में विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए बैठने के स्थानों का आरक्षण कोटा

831. श्री पुनीत कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिये रेलगाड़ियों में बैठने के स्थानों का कोई आरक्षित कोटा न होने के कारण उन्हें रेलगाड़ियों में सफर करते हुये बहुत परेशानी पेश आती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या विकलांग व्यक्तियों हेतु बैठने के स्थानों का कोई कोटा आरक्षित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ग) यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल संराज्य के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) कुछ अनुरोध विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए अलग से आरक्षण कोटा निर्धारित करने के लिए प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) मांग की तुलना में आरक्षित स्थान की अत्यधिक कमी के कारण विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए अलग से कोटा निर्धारित करना व्यावहारिक नहीं है। तथापि क्षेत्रीय रेलों को अनुदेश हैं कि वे रियायती टिकटों पर यात्रा करने वाले विकलांग व्यक्तियों को आपातिक कोटे में से यथासंभव आरक्षित स्थान देने की व्यवस्था करे।

Development of tourism in North-Eastern States

832. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken for the development of tourism in Assam, Meghalaya and other north-eastern States during last three years, year-wise, and in the current year, so far ;

(b) what specific proposals are under Government's consideration for development of tourism in those States, state-wise ; and

(c) by when the said proposals are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) With a view to developing tourism in the North Eastern States, the Central Department of Tourism has provided financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure at various tourist centres. A statement showing State-wise details of projects sanctioned in the North Eastern States during the 7th Five Year Plan so far, is attached (*see* below).

(b) Development of tourism infrastructure is an on-going process. The Department provides financial assistance to States on a year-to-year basis for development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments depending upon the potential of the centre, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.